

## LOCAL NEWS.

**WEATHER PROBABILITIES.**—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Jan. 29, 1877.—10:30 a. m.—In the Middle and Eastern States lower pressure and higher temperature than on Sunday, winds mostly westerly and southerly clear or partly cloudy weather and possibly occasional light rain or snow in New England and northern New York.

**THE RIVER.**—Yesterday morning the ice in front of the city commenced breaking away, and for the first time in nearly two months the Potomac, free of ice and presenting a smooth, untroubled surface, met the gaze of the lookers on. The ice above and below the city still remains solid, and the space cleared only reaches from about opposite Shepherd's to Jones' Point, and from the Virginia shore to the edge of the flats. The warm weather and bright sun of to-day are having a powerful effect on the ice, and it is believed that should a track be cut through by a steamboat it would at once commence to run and soon disappear. The movement in a portion of the ice yesterday was attributed to the fact of its having been broken last week by the passage of the railroad tug. It is also reported that the tugboat Kate will probably make another attempt to come up from Quantico this evening or to-morrow. The vessels in port are brushing up a little and making preparations for the anticipated reopening of navigation.

**Later.**—The tugboat Kate, Captain Ross, arrived here shortly before four o'clock, this afternoon, from Quantico, which place she left at eleven o'clock this morning. Captain Ross reports the ice as quite heavy from Indian Head to Washington, but from that point up to this city it is very soft. Before starting up this morning the Kate towed three oyster boats into Quantico from below. The river was clear of ice, this afternoon, from Fort Foote to the Arsenal, and it is expected that the opening of a track by the Kate will start that below to running and soon clear the river.

**THE SCHOONER ROBERT PORTER.**—A gentleman, who arrived here from New York, last week, having stated that he had seen the new schooner Robert Porter, and that the sailing port, painted on her stern, was "New York" instead of "Alexandria," as when she left here, several of the stockholders became interested in the subject, and through Deputy Collector Corbett sent to New York for information as to the truth of the report. In reply, a telegram was received on Saturday night from the Collector at New York, stating that the sailing port had been so changed, and the vessel's papers made to conform. Some of the stockholders, in this city, are quite indignant, as it was their desire and intention that the schooner should sail from this port. As the law requires that a vessel should sail from the port where her managing owner resides, and as Mr. Park Agnew, of this city, occupies that position to the Robert Porter, it is not understood how the change was made. The Robert Porter cleared from New York on Saturday for Genoa, and was expected to sail to-day.

**FOR THE PENITENTIARY.**—Sheriff W. C. Wilbert, Justice Ben. Austin and Mr. Sewell Corbett will start to-night for Richmond, having in charge the following prisoners, who were sentenced to confinement in the penitentiary at the last term of the County Court: Addison Spillman, ten years, for burglary; John Diamond, ten years, for burglary; Jas. T. Washington, three years, for breaking and entering a storehouse; George Butler, one year, for the same offense, and Peter Conner, one year, also for breaking and entering. All of the convicts are negroes, and Spillman and Diamond are notorious characters in Washington, where they have long been a source of much trouble to the police. The promptness and severity with which justice is meted out to burglars and thieves in Alexandria county are working a great deal of good in the way of protecting the property of the citizens there from the inroads of that class of people.

**CONSECRATION.**—The Rev. C. C. Penick, now rector of a church in Baltimore, who has been elected missionary bishop of Cape Palmas, Africa, will be consecrated in St. Paul's church, in this city, on Tuesday, February 13. Bishops Atkinson, White, Pinkney, Dudley, Flower, Lyman, and a large number of other clergymen are expected to be present. Bishop Atkinson, of North Carolina, will be the consecrator, and the sermon will be preached by Bishop White, of Va. The presentors of the candidate for the bishopric will be Bishops Pinkney, of Md., and Dudley, of Ky. It is understood that Rev. Mr. Penick will go to his new field of labors shortly after his consecration.

**M. E. CHURCH.**—Last night the church was densely packed. Rev. W. C. Webb conducted the exercises. Eleven persons united with the church, making over twenty since the special services commenced. The subject of the sermon was 2nd Timothy, i. chap. and 18th verse: "The Lord grant unto him that he may find mercy of the Lord in that day." At the close of the discourse, several penitents presented themselves for prayer. Several persons also rose, asking the congregation to pray for them. The services will be continued to-day. Rev. W. C. Webb will preach to-night.

**SPIRITUALISTIC.**—A meeting of those interested in getting up a repetition of the late spiritual exhibition by Mr. George Everett and wife, for the benefit of the poor, was held at the City Sergeant's office, on Saturday night, with R. W. Falls in the chair, and J. Marriott Hill, secretary. Mr. J. M. Hill was appointed a committee to visit Baltimore, see Mr. Everett, and ascertain whether he would appear here for the object named, on Monday night next. He will report to an adjourned meeting, to be held at the same place to-night.

**THE CHURCHES YESTERDAY.**—The bright and beautiful weather yesterday brought out large numbers of people and the churches were all numerously attended. Rev. J. L. Lighter, of Washington, preached in the M. E. church, in the morning, and the other pulpits were filled by the resident clergy. Rev. Father Keating, of St. Mary's church, made his monthly visit to Fairfax station, where he celebrated mass in the morning.

**GRASSHOPPER EGGS.**—There has been received at this office from Mr. J. W. Anderson of Nebraska City, a box of grasshopper eggs. They are a curiosity in this region, to the great delight of the farmers. Mr. Anderson says that the people out there are more interested in the "grasshopper question" than in the "Presidential question."

**REDUCTION OF WAGES.**—On Tuesday a notice was posted about the mines of the Maryland Coal Company, near Cumberland, stating that from that date the rate of miners' wages paid by that company would be fifty-five cents per ton. The company had been paying sixty-five cents.

**THE WEATHER.**—The weather of to-day has been warm and pleasant, and under the influence of the sun's warm rays the vestiges of snow and ice are fast disappearing.

We are of the opinion that it must be good, for the simple reason that so many praise it and physicians prescribe it. We mean Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup.

"All the health I enjoy, and even my life I owe to it, in consequence of Simmonds' Liver Regulator. I would not take one million dollars for my interest in that medicine."

"W. H. WILSON, Welborn, Fla."

## BY TELEGRAPH.

Special Dispatches to the Gazette.

## From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29, 1877.—It is about as difficult to ascertain from what can be heard, what will be the probable result of the Presidential arbitration, as it was to determine how the difficulty could be settled, before Mr. Hawitt had his revelation, the morning after his sleepless night. It is only hoped that the termination will be as happy as the result then reached. Strange as it may seem, and unfounded as the apprehension may be, it is feared that Mr. Justice Bradley will be chosen the umpire. This fear is expressed upon the ground that Mr. B. has been, and is a most decided partizan.

The lobbies and floor of the House have been crowded to-day by parties interested in the passage or defeat of the Pacific Railroad bill, and the members were duly "bored" pro and con.

Mr. Goode, of Va., is absent from his seat to-day, having been called home on important business. By the by, should there be a contest for Speaker of the next House, Mr. Goode will, if he should allow it, be earnestly pressed for the position by a number of members.

Mr. Tucker, of Va., is more prominently mentioned to-day in connection with the Arbitration Board than heretofore, and it is almost certain now that either Geo. Huntton or himself will be chosen as one of the commission on the part of the House, and it is not unlikely that a committee of the friends of each of these gentlemen will be called upon to decide which of the two shall be put forward.

[Later.—The friends of Geo. Huntton have determined to urge his claim instead of Mr. Tucker. Mr. Lamar will probably be chosen and made chairman.]

The Senate radical caucus has nominated Messrs. Morton, Edmunds, and Frelinghuysen for members of the Electoral Commission.

Messrs. Thurman and Bayard will be the democratic members on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Payne of Ohio, Mr. Woods of New York, Mr. Field of New York, and Mr. Holman are also spoken of prominently as commissioners on the part of the House.

The President to-day sent to the House the report of the commission in reference to the reorganization of the army.

Secretary Chandler gives an "entertainment" to-night to the members of Congress. A democratic member being asked if he was going, merely replied that he had some respect for himself yet.

Orders have been issued for the removal of the troops recently concentrated here, and they now only await transportation.

The President signed the arbitration bill at 10:20 this morning.

Mr. A. H. Stephens, of Ga., is lying ill at his residence in this city. He was to-day reported dead but such is not the case.

The Louisiana returning board is locked up in a room in the capitol, where they will soon be joined by the clerk of the board, who is also in contempt of the House. It is reported that two of them will be confined in the crypt where Pat Woods was kept.

## Congress.

## THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 29, 1877.—In the Senate, to-day, Isham G. Harris, Senator elect from the State of Tennessee, advanced to the desk of the president, who administered to him the oaths of office.

A number of resolutions of State legislatures, &c., relative to the electoral vote, were presented.

Mr. Withers, of Va., presented the petition of Samuel P. Moore M. D., of Va., asking for a removal of political disabilities. Referred.

The resolution of Mr. Gordon recognizing Wade Hampton as governor of South Carolina was taken up.

Mr. Robinson, of S. C., sent a written speech on South Carolina affairs to the clerk's desk, and it was read by the clerk.

**PRESIDENT GRANT'S APPROVAL.**

During the reading of this speech a message was received from the President of the United States approving of the bill providing for a commission of fifteen to decide the contested questions arising on the counting of the electoral vote.

The President, in announcing his approval of the bill, follows, he says, an example occasionally set by his predecessors in making it the subject of a special message. He thinks that the act affords a wise and constitutional method of escape from the difficulties and perils which have surrounded the subject to which it relates, and provides an orderly method of arranging the whole matter. He says that in no disputed case has the Vice President ever counted the vote. The cases in which he has done so are only those where his action exercised no influence on the result. He thinks the commission selected a wise one, and adds that in contests for the chiefs of States many governments have fallen, and it is most important that the sufficiency of republic institutions should be proved on this occasion. True liberty and progress can exist only when the laws are complied with. He congratulates the troubled country on this settlement, and hopes permanent laws to prevent such difficulties in the future will be devised.

Mr. Conkling—I move that this important and wise message of the President be printed. This was agreed to.

The Pacific railroad bill was then taken up, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

In the House of Representatives the States and Territories were called for bills, resolutions, &c., under which several private bills were introduced and referred, nearly all being read at length to kill time.

A bill for the incorporation of the Atlantic and Pacific railroad—a road to run all over the country—occupied more than half an hour in reading, and was referred.

The consideration of the bill to pay Captain Eads \$500,000, on account of his jetties at the mouth of the Mississippi, in cash instead of bonds was resumed, and the proposition to pay in bonds defeated—ayes 58, noes 162.

The bill then went over, and the House took up and considered District of Columbia business.

**Foreign News.**

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 29.—A dispatch from the Serbian Government requests the

Porte to instruct the Ottoman ambassador, at Vienna, to enter into negotiations with the Serb via diplomatic agent there. Serbia having no representative at Constantinople, the Prince of Montenegro has not yet replied to the dispatch inviting him to treat for peace directly with the Porte.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The appeal of Slade, the American spiritualist, who was prosecuted under the vagrant act and sentenced to three months confinement at hard labor in the house of correction, came up for argument to-day and his conviction was quashed on a purely legal technicality.

## Local Brevities.

The soup house authorities acknowledge the receipt of a kit of fish from Mr. Joseph Brager. Rev. Dr. C. C. Bittling, for many years pastor of the Baptist church of this city, will deliver a lecture here on "The Holy Land," in a short time.

The proprietors of the stores near the corners of King and Royal streets and the ladies who have to pass there, complain very much of the crowds of idle men and boys who congregate there.

A meeting in the interest of the Episcopal Diocesan Missionary Society is to be held at St. Paul's church on Monday, February 5. It will be addressed by Rev. Drs. Minnegerode of Richmond and Hauck of Charlottesville.

An extra fine steer belonging to Mr. William Peachy, formerly of this city, but now residing near Mr. Jackson, broke through the ice on the Shenandoah river a few days ago and was drowned.

**FORD'S NATIONAL THEATRE.**—The spectacular play of Sardanapalus had a fine run in Washington, and came to an end Saturday night. Many Alexandrians availed themselves of the opportunity to witness it, and at least three car loads of people went up to the Saturday matinee. Mr. Bangs made a hit in the role of the splendid Assyrian King, his superb physique making him every inch a monarch. He is a native of this city, and many of our old citizens yet remember him. Eleven years ago he was hissed off the stage in Washington for having been a Confederate soldier, but times change, so that fact is now only remembered to his credit. For this week Dion Boucicault's new play of "Forbidden Fruit," is announced at the National. It is said to be the best comedy that the playwright Dion ever wrote—it is full of vim, dash and sparkle; the tableaux are striking, and there is not a dull scene or dreary dialogue in it.

Wells' Eureka is prepared only by H. Wells, Washington. The frailest teeth will be benefited by its daily use.

## AMUSEMENTS.

**THE LADIES OF CHRIST CHURCH** WILL GIVE AN ENTERTAINMENT AT SAREPTA HALL, Consisting of TABLEAUX AND VOCAL MUSIC, ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY EV'GS., February 1st and 2d.

Doors open at 7 o'clock. Curtain will rise at 8 o'clock. Admission 50c; children 25c. Jan 29-4d

## LOST AND FOUND.

**FOUND.**—A MEERSCHAUM PIPE, supposed to be worth about twenty-five dollars, found near the scene of the late accident on the Midland Railroad, can be obtained by the owner on the payment of costs. Jan 29-3t R. H. FLETCHER, Bristol, Va.

## FOR SALE OR RENT.

**CITY HOTEL FOR RENT.** This property is situated at the S. W. cor. of Royal and Cameron streets, in Alexandria, Va., fronting the City Hall and Market buildings. Possession given on the first day of January next. Apply to WM. H. IRWIN, No. 182 Prince St., Alexandria, Va. oct 4-t

**RENT.**—Possession given October 1st, 1876. Apply to GEO. UHLER. sep 15-t

**NOTICE.**—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the ALEXANDRIA LIBRARY CO. will be held at the rooms of the company, corner of King and Washington streets, on MONDAY EVENING, the 19th prox., at 8 o'clock. A punctual and full attendance of stockholders is earnestly requested. M. SLAUGHTER, President. J. J. JAMIESON, Secretary. td

**NEW GOODS AT THE PRICES BEFORE THE ADVANCE.** We have received a full line of Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, Shirtings and Shadings, Cheviot Shirtings, Tickings, Calicoes, &c. Now is the time to buy, as Domestic of all kinds are advancing, and we cannot replace goods bought only yesterday at the same prices to-day. H. C. SLAYMAKER CO. jan 27

**CHEAP COAL.** 100 TONS OF ANTHRACITE STEVE COAL, FOR SALE AT SIX DOLLARS PER TON (delivered). SAMUEL BAKER, Corner Duke and Fairfax sts. Jan 25-1w

**DOMESTICS AND CALICOES.** January 25th, 1877. We open a good stock of favorite brands to-day at old prices. D. F. BRASHEAR, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Virginia. Jan 25

**RAISINS,** of all grades, of the new crop, just received by G. WM. RAMSAY. nov 8

**8 BBLs VIRGINIA HOMINY** just received and for sale low by J. C. & E. MILBURN. dec 27

**DON'T FORGET THAT SUGARS ARE LOWER.** F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st. jan 2

**75 BBLs FAMILY AND EXTRA FLOUR** in store and for sale by R. W. AVERY, 236 King st. dec 30

**CHOICE GUNPOWDER TEA,** new crop, just received by J. C. & E. MILBURN. dec 27

**NEW RAISINS,** Currants, Citron, Figs and Lemons for sale by R. W. AVERY, 236 King st. nov 25

**BOTTLED ALE,** Porter and Brown Stout, foreign and domestic, for sale by R. B. LAWSON & CO. dec 4

**1200 POUNDS PURE VIRGINIA BUCKWHEAT** just received by J. C. & E. MILBURN. jan 11

**EIGHT BBLs PRIME WHITE BEANS** just received by J. C. & E. MILBURN. jan 11

**CHOICE GLADES BUTTER AND PRIME CHEESE** for sale by J. C. & E. MILBURN. jan 25

**PORT,** Sherry, Blackberry, Madeira and Cooking Wines for sale by W. A. JOHNSON. dec 12

**CHOICE ROLL AND GLADES BUTTER** for sale by J. C. & E. MILBURN. jan 5

**BLOATERS**—A full supply of these delicious Smoked and Cured hams for sale by F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st. jan 2

**WHITE BEANS,** Split Peas, Pearl Hominy and Grits for sale by F. J. DAVIDSON, 147 King st. dec 27

**NEW CURRANTS,** Prunes and Raisins received to-day by J. C. & E. MILBURN. oct 13

**BACON**—Plain and Sugar cured Shoulders and Breakfast Bacon received by DAVY & HARMON. nov 5

**FRESH OAT MEAL AND BUCKWHEAT FLOUR** received by DAVY & HARMON. nov 5

## DRY GOODS.

## FAREWELL TO ALEXANDRIA.

Having received to-day the last and remaining stock of the Combination, I most respectfully announce to the people of Alexandria and vicinity that I will remove the entire stock on or about the first day of February. Having determined to sell all goods at a great sacrifice rather than remove them, and having concluded rather to dispose of them at private sale than at auction, I will only say one word, and that is, that ALL OUR GOODS ARE MARKED AT EXACTLY ONE HALF ORIGINAL VALUE, and only ask an examination of the prices and goods, which are arranged from this day in lots and prices to make every one astonished—a chance you will never, never get again. Call and convince yourself, as this is the only proper way I can satisfy you all. Thanking my friends and customers for their liberal share of patronage, I am most thankfully yours,

**H. SCHWARZ,** Manager Great Combination Store, (MUIR'S CORNER.)

jan 11-1f

**SEND OR CALL FOR A CATALOGUE AT THE GREAT COMBINATION STORE.**

**CHEAP FOR CASH.**

Having determined to retire from the Carpet business, I will from now until February first, 1877, sell the entire stock of TAPESTRY, BRUSSELS, THREE PLY, INGRAIN, RAG AND HEMP

Carpets, Oil Cloths, Mattings, RUGS, &c., AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES. All persons in want will do well to call before purchasing elsewhere.

**D. F. WITMER,** NO. 73 KING STREET, (Third floor.)

jan 11

**SPECIAL NOTICE.**

We have on hand MORE DRESS GOODS, MORE CASSIMERES, MORE WATERPROOFS and MORE WINTER GOODS generally

than we are desirous of carrying over until next fall. Purchasers of the above goods can secure positive bargains from us before we take our annual inventory of stock, on February 1st.

**ODDS AND ENDS** of White Goods, Domestic, Black Alpaca, &c., very cheap during this month.

**PRETZELDER & CO.,** 144 King street, jan 9

**CLOSING SALES OF WINTER STOCK.** From 10 to 15 per cent. Reduction. Blankets, Quilts, Comforts and Cloaks at Cost. Thursday, December 28, 1876. We take account of stock to 1st February, 1877, and from to-day we offer all styles of FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS, at such reduced prices as to ensure quick sale. Special inducements offered to country merchants. We sell at Baltimore quotations. D. F. BRASHEAR, H. B. Hoopes, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va. dec 28

**NEW AND CHEAP DRESS GOODS.** December 28, 1876. We received to-day a new style of Cheap Dress Goods, viz: PORTIA, PERLES and BAGSHA W, and sell them at 12c per yard—very desirable. We have a few very handsome CLOAKS in stock, which we sell at about cost. D. F. BRASHEAR, H. B. Hoopes, No. 109 King street, Alexandria, Va. dec 22

**SHIRTS OF MASONVILLE COTTON.** 1800, Linen in Bosoms and Laundered, at \$1.25. Job lot of 20 boxes just received. The cheapest shirt we have ever sold. H. C. SLAYMAKER CO. dec 22

**NECK WEAR AT REDUCED PRICES.** Just opened SCARVES that we have been selling at \$1.37 reduced so that we can sell them at \$1. Splendid goods. H. C. SLAYMAKER CO. dec 22

**THE FEW CLOAKS STILL ON HAND MUST BE SOLD, and you can buy almost at YOUR OWN PRICE, as we do not intend to carry over one single Cloak if price will sell them. DRESS GOODS AT CLOSING PRICES, and TEN CENTS OFF ON EACH DOLLAR for the cash. H. C. SLAYMAKER CO. dec 21**

**NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!** A large assortment of double width (36 inch) all Wool Cashmere, worth 75c, at 62c. Black all Wool Cashmere, worth \$1, at 75c. Striped all Wool Goods for Polonaises at 25c. 1000 yards of Simpson's Solid Black Calico, in remnants, at 6c per yard. A beautiful line of Black Mohairs and Alpaca, very cheap. Cassimere for Men and Boys' wear at 37c up. Fine all Wool Shawls, Blankets, &c. Opus Plannet in all shades at 35c per yard. A full line of Gents' and Ladies' Underwear. A large and complete stock of Notions, Hosiery, &c. D. BENDHRIM, 112 King st. Adlyr. Marshall House. nov 18

**J. M. STEWART** Has just opened from New York an additional supply of CLOAKS, new styles, and very superior BLACK FRENCH CASHMERE. These goods are beautiful in their finish and very brilliant blacks. A fine line of SKIRTING FLANNELS, yard wide, of all grades, some all wool and of the finest quality. HEAVY ENGLISH GRAPE VELLS. Also a large lot of CRUMB CLOTHS, a sizes and very rich patterns and colors. oc 18

**NOTICE TO OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE.** Before commencing assessing for the Corporation on the 1st of February, I can be found at my office, No. 5 Market building, from 2 to 3 p. m., so as to meet persons wishing changes made in their real estate. GEORGE DUFFEY, Comm'r. of Revenue. jan 8-4otF1

**NOTICE.**—All persons having claims against the SCHOONER MARGARET ELLA are hereby notified to present the same to the undersigned on or before January 31st, 1877. A. W. ARMSTRONG. jan 22-191t

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